

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Request from Former Vice President Mondale to Examine his Vice Presidential Papers

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322 Ames Building

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10 August 1987

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Attached are:

1. A written request from former Vice President Mondale requesting access to the national security-classified portions of his Vice Presidential files;

2. A reply from NARA to Mr. Mondale noting that he has current security clearances and informing him that he can examine the material at any time; and

3. A letter from Ms. Koucky of NARA to C/CRD explaining the procedures that NARA will use with Mr. Mondale.

The procedures are those that are normally used with outside researchers and should adequately protect CIA interests. Alan Thompson is Chief of the Declassification Review Division at NARA, and is as well versed in what CIA protects as anyone at NARA. Mr. Mondale visited NARA and was very surprised at the amount of material involved. According to NARA personnel, Mr. Mondale will probably hire a researcher to do the preliminary work for him. Of course, that person will need approvals before being given access to the material.

Also attached is the draft of a letter to NARA formally concurring in the procedure established by NARA. Addresses concurrence in sending this letter is requested or any comments or suggestions that they would make.

C/CRD

13 August 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

C/CRD

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FROM:

DI/IRO

SUBJECT: Mondale Request to Examine VP Papers

Have reviewed the proposed draft letter to NARA. I do not believe the letter goes far enough; it does not address the new situation, i.e. that Mondale will probably not review the documents himself. It should be made clear that Mondale, himself has access, but a researcher would have access only if the person has security clearance in his own right. The USG should not bear the costs of clearing an individual solely for the convenience of a private citizen, even if former Vice President.

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10 August 1987

Ms. Judith A. Koucky
Archivist
Office of Presidential Libraries
National Archives & Records Administration
Eight Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Ms. Koucky:

Thank you for your letter of 30 July with enclosures providing the details about former Vice President Mondale's request for access to the national security classified portions of his Vice Presidential materials and the procedures that you will use in assisting Mr. Mondale. For our part, we stand ready to review any documents that are or could contain information of interest to CIA and, by extension, any notes that Mr. Mondale might make from his examination of such documents.

Should you want CIA participation in this matter, please call me at

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Sincerely,

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Chief, Classification Review Division

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National Archives



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[redacted] Chief
Classification Review Division
Office of Information Services
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

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Dear [redacted]

Early last week, I informed you that former Vice President Mondale had indicated to us his desire to look at the national security-classified portions of his Vice Presidential materials, which are stored here in the National Archives Building. I have enclosed copies of Mr. Mondale's letter to the Acting Archivist requesting access, and the Acting Archivist's response. You will note that we verified Mr. Mondale's clearances with the National Security Council before we granted him access.

My impression from having talked with Mr. Mondale about this matter is that he wants to get no more than a general idea of the subjects that are addressed in the papers prior to his moving back to Minneapolis on August 20. If he does want to have any copies of classified documents made, however, we will treat them the usual way and will submit them to classification review before giving them to Mr. Mondale. Alan Thompson has indicated that he will screen any notes that Mr. Mondale may take while examining the materials.

Please call me at 523-3073 if you have any questions about how we are going to proceed.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Koucky

JUDITH A. KOUCKY
Archivist
Office of Presidential Libraries

Enclosures

National Archives



Washington, DC 20408

JUL 30 1987

Honorable Walter F. Mondale
2550 M Street, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Vice President Mondale:

Thank you for your letter of July 24, 1987, in which you asked for access to the national security-classified portions of your Vice Presidential papers that are stored here in the National Archives Building.

As you know, the Office of Presidential Libraries has already confirmed that you currently hold a Top Secret and Codeword security clearance from the National Security Council. You may, therefore, examine the materials at any time that is convenient to you.

Please come to the Office of Presidential Libraries in Room 104 of the Archives Building. Judith Koucky, the archivist with whom you spoke last week, will have the materials ready for you to examine.

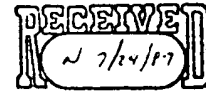
Sincerely,

FRANK G. BURKE
Acting Archivist
of the United States

WALTER F. MONDALE

2550 M STREET, N.W., SUITE 500
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20037

July 24, 1987



Dr. Frank G. Burke
Archivist of the United States
National Archives
Retrievable Administration
Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Dr. Burke:

I would very much like to take a look at the classified materials that were under my control and now are in the possession of your agency. I am writing this letter to request that permission be granted to do so, and I would appreciate getting approval and being shown those materials. I've not seen them, and I need some idea of how many there are and what those documents are for possible historical purposes.

With best wishes,


Walter F. Mondale

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